

have had an opportunity to know that and see it and can speak to it. So I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. VITTER. Reclaiming the remainder of my time, Mr. President, I think this is amazing. We are going to be presented with a brandnew mega amendment fairly soon. It is going to be at least 373 pages, maybe 400 pages, and we are not going to be allowed to read it before this Senate forges ahead debating and possibly voting on it.

I don't understand why we are not offered the opportunity to digest this brandnew mega amendment. Senator REID stood on this floor yesterday and acknowledged it was only right and only fair to give us an opportunity to digest his mega amendment yesterday. The problem is, come this morning, that is out the window. There is a new mega amendment. We have no idea what line has been changed, what paragraph has been changed, what is new language, what is old language. We need a reasonable opportunity to independently digest that amendment, not simply take other people's summaries and word for it when we are presented with this brandnew 400-page amendment.

I will be happy to yield to the majority leader on this point, reserving the remainder of my time.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I am sorry, I was in a briefing with Admiral McConnell. It is my understanding the distinguished Senator from Louisiana said that minor changes have been made since he looked at the legislation, which I assume he finished this morning sometime. He wants to take a look and see what changes have been made; is that right?

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, yes, but to do that we have to read the whole new mega amendment, I suggest to the majority leader. It is in that vein and in that spirit that I offered the unanimous consent request, that once the new mega amendment is presented, once that happens, we be in morning business for 5 hours so we may be allowed to read it.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object to that.

I would say to my friend, however, that we would be happy to have our staff—they are relatively simple amendments, some with simple word changes—that we would be happy to have our staff, with his staff, show what those changes are. There would be no need to read the whole bill. If you read the whole bill, few changes have been made, and it would be very apparent. So I am sure we can do that, and we can do that with little trouble.

It is my understanding, Mr. President, that the time for morning business has ended.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is concluded.

COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM ACT—Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

Mrs. FEINSTEIN. Objection.

Mr. DEMINT. Parliamentary inquiry.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. A parliamentary inquiry is not in order during a quorum call.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The clerk will continue with the call of the roll.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I renew my unanimous consent request that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The clerk will continue with the call of the roll.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. Objection.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The clerk will continue with the call of the roll.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. VITTER. Reserving my right to object.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, he can either object or not object.

Mr. VITTER. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

The clerk will continue with the call of the roll.

The legislative clerk continued with the call of the roll.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I remove my objection.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Hearing no objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, it is my understanding the distinguished Senator

from South Carolina thought they had 5 minutes left; is that right?

I would ask unanimous consent that he be allowed to speak, and this would be for debate only. Following the using of 7 minutes, I will take the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

Mr. DEMINT. Mr. President, I would like to yield my time to other Senators. I will give 1 minute to Senator VITTER and 4 minutes to Senator SESSIONS.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The Senator from Louisiana is recognized for 1 minute.

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, with the majority leader on the floor, I want to use my brief minute to follow up on my inquiries and frustrations.

Very soon, we are going to be presented with a brandnew version of this mega-amendment, 400 pages or whatever it is. I would like to be allowed some reasonable opportunity to independently study that mega-amendment without having to depend on other people's summaries, and it is for that reason I made the unanimous consent request that we be in morning business for 5 hours once that brandnew mega-amendment is presented.

With that explanation and background, given that the distinguished majority leader recognized that right of ours yesterday, when we were allowed to read the old version of the amendment, I would like to make that unanimous consent request.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator has used his 1 minute.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I object. I will use my own time in response to him.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Mr. REID. So as not to use the time of the Senator from South Carolina, Mr. President, there have been a few changes made, but they are very minor. As I indicated to my friend, this is not a new mega-amendment. This is the same amendment which was laid down last night, and people on both sides have had ample opportunity to read this. As I indicated, we would be happy to talk with him and/or his staff, with individual Senators and/or their staff to indicate where the changes have been made and what the purposes of those were. If that is not sufficient, I don't know how I can be more fair than that.

So I will now turn it over—

Mr. VITTER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent for an additional 30 seconds.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. REID. No, but I just want to make sure it is still under the same time agreement we had before. We add 30 seconds to the time we had given.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. VITTER. I would suggest, through the Chair to the distinguished